## Colored Dots

The marriage of Miss Arrabella Pankey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pankey, of Route 2, Gladstone, Va., to Paul Woodson McCoy, son of Mrs. Nannie McCoy, Appomattox, Va., was solemnized Saturday evening, March 1, at 11:30, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lawing, pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church. The couple will make their home in Appomattox. The bride and groom are graduates of Carver High School. At present the groom is studying at the Dunbar school of Auto Mechanics under the G.I. Bill of Rights in Lynchburg.

Plans are being completed for the Attendance Day rally at the Galilee Baptist Church on the third Sunday in March at 11:30 A. M. Each family of the church and its friends are cordially asked to attend this service. A picture of the church and all present will be made at the close of the service.

The Appomattox County Teachers Association will hold its regular meeting this Friday at 2 P.M.

The public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the First Baptist Church this Sunday at the regular hour.

Misses Fisher and Burress spent the week-end in Baltimore and Philadelphia as guests of friends.

Miss White spent the week-end in Richmond.

The snow last Sunday caused the installation service of the Galilee Sunday School officers to be postponed until a date to be announced.

Mrs. M. A. Morrell accompanied her son, Willie and grandchildren to the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. Pinckney, in Lynchburg last Sunday.

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### Nazi Loot Aids Living Victims; Teeth, Jewels Provide Funds

FRANKFURT, GERMANY. — Gold teeth and jewelry the Nazis took from people they killed in concentration camps soon will be sold to provide money for relief of the refugees who survived, military government officials disclosed.

The gold, conservatively estimated to be worth several million dollars, was stored by the Nazis in Germany's Reichsbank vaults.

By international agreement among the Allies, it was removed from German assets and allotted to the inter-governmental committee on refugees for relief work.

The committee now is preparing to sell the gold on world m[illegible]

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Whenever I hear one of my nephews say he has bought United States Savings Bonds, I feel like nudging him and saying: "Nephew, you haven't really bought anything. That may sound strange at first, but the proof is simple. Ordinarily when you buy something you have to spend your money. But you have actually done in acquiring savings bonds is to exchange non-interest bearing notes for interest bearing ones. You have merely converted your money into a different form, a form in which it will start growing in amount. In savings bonds form your money earns $4 for every $3 invested in ten years.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

A Definition of Our Town

Somebody asked our town just the other day as "A place where the people talk about you behind your back, and come to wait on you when you're sick."

I've got to admit there's something to it. A lot of our folks are inclined to be pretty outspoken and quick to criticize . . . even about little things. If a man's hat, or a man's pretzel for a glass of beer, or the color of Cy Hartman's new barn.

But when anyone's in trouble, those differences and points of criticism are forgotten . . . and folks become neighborly and helpful, like they really are.

From where I sit, criticism never did much harm to anybody, so long as folks don't let it guide their actions . . . so long as they respect our individual preferences, whether they apply to hats or beer. That's the way it is in our town, anyway, and I hope that it's the same in yours.

Joe Marsh

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### Berlin's School Enrollment Booms; Teaching Staff Short

BERLIN. — Despite a decrease of one million in the city's population, Berlin has a higher school enrollment than it had in 1938 and is attempting to handle it with less than half its prewar trained teaching staff.

The school enrollment in this city of 3,000,000 now totals 450,617 children and youths. The 1938 enrollment was 431,836. The breakdown shows 305,452 in the public primary schools; 80,236 in vocational schools; 42,901 in high schools; 15,609 in intermediate schools, and 6,329 in special schools.

The regular teaching staff has declined from approximately 14,000 to 6,162. One of the biggest factors in this decline has been denazification, which threw many teachers out of their jobs.

### Smoking Can Give You Cold Feet, Physiologist Reports

KANSAS CITY. — Smoking may give you cold feet. And, says Dr. Grace M. Roth, physiologist at Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., that may lead to permanent foot trouble.

Dr. Roth passed out that word, backed by three years' research, at a University of Kansas hospitals' clinic for midwest physicians.

The physician tempered her lecture on cold feet by reporting that the same three years of research had disclosed a drink of bourbon Scotch might be beneficial by sending your temperature up all the way down to your toes. The same goes for a good meal as a temporary foot warmer.

### Truck Driver is Warmer in Refrigerator Than Outside

PHILADELPHIA.—There's something warming about a refrigerator these cold, wintry days.

George McClain, milk truck driver trapped in the refrigerator of his vehicle when wind blew the door shut, says he would have preferred staying inside if there had been enough air to breathe.

The refrigerator's thermometer said 40 degrees above zero.

Outside it was 14

Cotton market is shut down by a walk-out.

Football leaves for the Moscow conference.

## Boom in Divorces Sweeps U. S. in '46

### Crack Up in War Marriages Is Held Responsible.

WASHINGTON. — A sampling of representative cities and counties across the nation showed most points reporting the highest number of divorces for 1946 in their history.

Harried divorce judges worked overtime settling the postwar problems of those who failed to reconvert to peacetime matrimony. The judges themselves cited a variety of reasons for the record number of divorces, but the most commonly mentioned was "hasty G.I. marriages."

At Atlanta, middle-aged Judge Bond Almand said there were "too many marriages where a man and woman meet, get drunk and marry the same day." At Miami, Judge Miles Lewis said cases involving wife-beating had increased. He blamed many divorces on "too much money."

At Boston, State Representative Edmond J. Donlan (Dem.) filed a bill in the Massachusetts legislature to abolish divorces in the state.

In his inaugural address to the Rhode Island legislature, Gov. John O. Pastore cited an "alarming increase" in divorces and advocated abolition of "divorce by deposition."

The divorce mecca of Reno reported a total of 11,000 divorces in 1946, surpassing the previous record of 8,500 in 1945. The state as a whole reported a new record of 20,000 compared with 14,500 the previous year.

District Judge William McKnight of Reno said that "as far as I can see we'll have an even bigger total in 1947." District Judge Anthony Maestretti of Reno blamed "inflated wartime economy as well as the war itself."

Other factors cited by the divorce judges were the housing shortage and its cramped living quarters, relaxed public opinion on divorce, dwindling religious influence and inability of former soldiers to adjust to the routine of marriage.

District Judge Clayton Parks at Minneapolis predicted that four out of every five war marriages eventually would end in divorce.

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## Bethany

Bethany, March 4.- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey of Appomattox were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey Sunday.

Mrs. Katie Allen and Otis Allen spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. High Cabiness, of Brookneal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children, of Halifax spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mrs. Jack Moseley and Sue Moseley, of Portsmouth have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Paulette.

Mrs. Jack Paulette has returned home from visiting her mother in Georgia.

Mrs. F. W. Carwile, Mrs. Maude Carwile, Mrs. Eldridge Carwile, Miss Elliott and Carol Carwile, of Brookneal spent Thursday with Mrs. Curtis Paulette and Mrs. Katie Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey and Miss Martha Harvey visited Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Curtis Paulette, Mrs. Katie Allen and Dorothy Ann Paulette visited Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jennings visited Mrs. Ruth Jennings Monday evening.

Mrs. Walker Jennings spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Benzie Harvey.

Miss Odelle Ranson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson.

Mrs. Charlie Evans visited Mrs. Mildred Clark awhile on Thursday afternoon.

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Rotterdam warehouse destroyed by fire.

Alabama legislature in session.

Planes evacuate 200 from flood area in Bolivia.

Virginia's share in U. S. grants ranks 27th.

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## Onewall

Onewall, March 3.- I want to say to our good editor and his many dear deepest sympathy in the loss of a loved one.

We think when next groundhog day comes all the groundhogs will die as we sure had some bad luck every since February 2.

C. T. Drinkard, who has been sick with flu, is getting better.

The community was saddened to hear by the death of Miss Lula Scruggs. We extend to the mother, sisters and brother our deep sympathy.

Clayton Drinkard and sons, Tye, Cobb and Wade, called to see Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick last Sunday evening.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes and Miss Mildred Morgan were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jobe last Friday night, in honor of the birthday of Mr. Jobe and small son, Billy. Both happened to be on the same day, February 27.

Jessie Davidson, Mrs. Lester Carson and Anne Davidson are spending today in Lynchburg.

Pro-Jap Filipinos are on trail for executions.

Senator Taft says aid to Britain will not affect budget cuts.


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## Plastics Used On Huge Scale

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CHICAGO. — "Matured under the stress of war, plastics have become as important factor in the field of big business," declared William T. Cruse, executive vice president of the Society of the Plastics Industry.

"Peacetime finds America using plastics in industry and home on a gigantic scale," he continued. "The man-made material has come a long way from the day when it was largely associated with variety store trinkets and baubles.

"Plastics," he added, "have emerged as engineering materials in their own right. Industry is using them in the factory as housing, gears and a thousand other sturdy items never dreamed up 10 years ago."

It took the war — a proving ground for many things and people — to give plastics supporters the test they needed to show that their material could stand up with any other if not misapplied.

Blow to Industry.

In the early days manufacturers had unfortunate experiences with plastics and threw up their hands in disgust.

They made plastic cameras that fogged the film, combs that curled up, and plastic dinnerware that softened in hot water.

"It was simply a case of using the wrong plastic to do a particular job," Cruse explained. "There are more than 20 plastics to choose from. All are different. The only thing they have in common is their origin—the molecules can be juggled in the test tube and combined in many sorts of ways to make plastics that are hard, soft, elastic, semi-liquid or brittle, depending on what use is to be made of them."

This early misapplication was a severe blow to what had been heralded as a plastic age. The industry was just beginning to make strides again when the war broke out.

It got into the fray as a pinch-hitter when such strategic metals as aluminum, magnesium and zinc became scarce.

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Almost immediately, plastics demonstrated their verratility and adaptability to a variety of uses.

The public heard little of plastics until the war department revealed it was being used in helmets, trench mortar fuses, pistol grips, bomber plane noses and bomber fuselages.

"In battleship construction, over 1,000 different plastics applications were used, in airplanes more than 200," Cruse said.

Plastics also went into radar equipment, assault boats, life rafts, jungle boots, goggles, binoculars and electrical equipment."

Today, once doubtful manufacturers are back on the bandwagon and looking for plastics for an answer to their problems.

But plastics leaders, mindful of the damaging blow that unbridled public enthusiasm once dealt them, now are moving with caution.

They are reluctant to talk about plastic cars and plastic homes.

"We are trying to strip away the glamour, magic and mystery with which many have come to regard plastics," Cruse said.

"We are pointing to it as a material of tough quality that will do a particular job well when properly engineered."

### Air Force Officers Are Given Half of General Staff Jobs

WASHINGTON — General Eisenhower, army chief of staff, has approved a policy of turning over half of the top general staff jobs to air force officers, war department officers said.

Eisenhower made the new policy at the persistent request of General Spaatz, army air force commander. It is intended to prepare AAF leaders for the day when they will have autonomy under the unification proposal.

The new policy states that either the director or assistant director of each of the six general staff divisions and 10 special staff posts shall be an air force officer.

This step is resented strongly by ground force officers.

These ground officers were said to feel that should the unification program proposed by President Truman not be approved by congress the air force officers still would retain their advantageous positions.

The AAF officers are jubilant over their increased power, which they say is just recognition for the part the air force played in World War II.

### Sick Sportsman Drops Deer Through Bedroom Window

BERWICK, PA.—Galen Hilley, 70-year-old Columbia county sportsman, was unable to go out hunting because of ill health so he bagged an eight-point buck while seated on his bed.

Chafing over his confinement, Hilley saw the animal move into range from his bedroom window. He called for his rifle, and after his wife raised the window, he fired and killed the deer.

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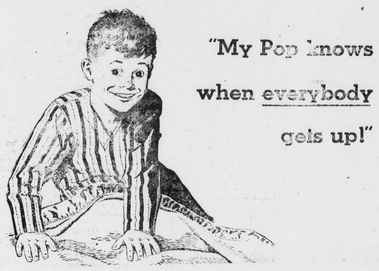


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